

Hastings Landing work progressing in Port Townsend



Site manager Scott Nollette, left, and Condon Johnson, both of Hodlick Construction, inspect some below grade stabilization work being done to pier pilings under what was the old Surf Building on Taylor Street in Port Townsend. The site is being developed as Hastings Landing, a multi-story boutique hotel and passenger terminal next to Union Wharf and adjacent to the Hastings Building. (Jeannie McMacken/Peninsula Daily News)

PORT TOWNSEND – Work is progressing this week on a Hastings Building project on Taylor Street next to Union Wharf.

Scott Nollette, site manager for Hodlick Construction of Port Townsend, said the Hastings Landing project is part of the renovation of the Hastings Building.

“We are doing foundation upgrades and stabilization, and work on the pilings in preparation for replacing the over-water pier adjacent to the building,” Nollette said.

“We’re shoring up the current structure by securing it to the main building.”

The old pier is the site of the former single-story Surf Restaurant that was also home to Sea Galley. It was one of the city's oldest wooden buildings, built in the 1930s.

The building, which was last occupied in 2005, was demolished last year. In 2008, plans were announced to build a multi-story boutique hotel with a full-service passenger terminal on the ground floor.

The Hastings Building and Hastings Landing are owned by Hastings Estate Co. LLC, a family-owned corporation established by the heirs of Lucinda and Loren Brown Hastings, the fourth family to record their land claims in Port Townsend. It once owned the adjacent Surf Restaurant at 106 Taylor St.

The three-story Hastings Building was constructed by Lucinda and Loren Brown Hastings, who arrived in Port Townsend in 1852, and it has remained in the family ever since.

The top two floors of the Hastings Building have been empty since the 1970s.

Nollette said the construction of Hastings Landing will take up to two years to complete. Estimated costs are more than \$10 million.

Harry and Zoe Ann Dudley and Lucinda Eubank are members of the company's board of directors and Heather Dudley Nollette is project manager.

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